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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN ICCS CONTINGENT REPLACEMENT AND BIO
DATA ON NEW DEPUTY COMMANDANT

SUMMARY: INDONESIAN ICCS CONTINGENT WILL BE
REPLACED BY FRESH UNIT IN THREE PHASE OPERATION
BEGINNING (ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS) ON JULY 21
AND FINISHING AT END OF AUGUST. NEW "GARUDA V"
DEPUTY COMMANDER IS ANTI-AIRCRAFT OFFICER WHO IS
CONSIDERED ONE OF INDONESIAN ARMY'S LEADING
SOVIET SPECIALISTS. END SUMMARY.

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1. JULY 19 ISSUE OF JAKARTA DAILY HARIAN KAMI
PUBLISHED DETAILS OF DEPARTURE PLANS FOR "GARUDA
V" TROOPS WHO WILL REPLACE CURRENT "GARUDA IV"
INDONESIAN ICCS PERSONNEL. ACCORDING KAMI,
"GARUDA V" CONSISTING OF 270 PERSONNEL (250
MILITARY AND 20 FROM DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS) WILL LEAVE IN THREE GROUPS VIA
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INDONESIA AIR FORCE C-130, THE FIRST TO DEPART

ON JULY 21 AND THE LAST IN EARLY AUGUST. NEW GARUDA DEPUTY COMMANDER BRIGADIER GENERAL HARSOJO (REPLACING GENERAL WIYOGA) WILL BE WITH THE FIRST GROUP, AS WILL FOUR INDONESIAN REPORTERS. (ACCORDING KAMI, EIGHT MORE REPORTERS WILL FOLLOW WITH LATER GROUPS.) FIRST GROUP WILL BE WELCOMED WITH MILITARY CEREMONY HEADED BY CONTINGENT COMMANDER DHARSONO ON ITS ARRIVAL AT TAN SON NHUT.

2. FIRST GROUP OF GARUDA IV RETURNEES WILL EMBARK FOR INDONESIA ON SAME DAY. WIYOGO WILL PROBABLY NOT RETURN UNTIL REPLACEMENT PROCESS COMPLETED, ACCORDING KAMI. GARUDA V MEMBERS HAVE BEEN GETTING INTENSIVE BRIEFINGS ON VIETNAM AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION SINCE JUNE 20 AND (ACCORDING KAMI'S UNNAMED "MILITARY SOURCES") ARE FAR BETTER PREPARED THAN FIRST CONTINGENT WAS. CONTINGENT IS DRAWN FROM ALL SERVICES EXCEPT NAVY, BUT IS OF COURSE MAINLY ARMY, AND INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL THREE JAVA-BASED DIVISIONS (SILIWANGI, DIPONEGORO AND BRAWIJAYA.)
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3. COMMENT: THIS ACCOUNT IS SUBSTANTIALLY ACCURATE BUT DAO HAS NOT RECEIVED OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION REGARDING DETAILS OF CHANGEOVER PLANS, ALTHOUGH THIS EXPECTED SHORTLY. NEW DEPTY COMMANDER HARSOJO IS A FORTY-EIGHT YEAR OLD OFFICER WHO HAS ATTENDED TRAINING COURSES IN HOLLAND, BELGIUM AND USSR. HE IS CONSIDERED A SOVIET EXPERT AND SPEAKS, READS AND WRITES RUSSIAN FAIRLY FLUENTLY. HE IS ALSO THE SENIOR ANTI-AIRCRAFT SPECIALIST IN INDONESIAN ARMY. (HIS LAST POSITION WAS COMMANDANT OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY CENTER IN JAKARTA.)
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